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PRESIDENT FORD'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

1. WP'S MARDER AND NYT'S GWERTZMAN NOTE PRES' REFERENCES TO  
EA IN HIS MONDAY EVENING TALK, WHICH "BROKE NO NEW GROUND"  
BUT PLEDGED "CONTINUITY" IN FOREIGN POLICY. MARDER  
CITES FORD'S RECALLING HIS OWN PRC TRIP LAST YEAR AND  
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SAYING SEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL INTERESTS WITH

PEKING, LAUNCHED BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, "HAS BECOME AN ENDURING FEATURE" ON WORLD SCENE. TO NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ALLIES AND TO JAPAN, FORD PLEDGED CONSTANT LOYAL COLLABORATION ON MULTIPLE, JOINT ENDEAVORS; AND TO ASIAN ALLIES AND FRIENDS HE OFFERED CONTINUING SUPPORT, WHILE IN INDOCHINA HE SAID "WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEE THE OBSERVANCE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM AND THE CEASE-FIRE AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN LAOS WITH HOPE FOR "EARLY COMPROMISE (PEACE) SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA." MARDER POINTS OUT THAT PRESIDENT GAVE NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, HOW US WILL ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH "ILLUSIVE PROMISE OF PEACE" IN VN ACCORDS, "WHICH HAS BEEN BREACHED IN WHOLESALE FASHION BY BOTH SIDES IN THEIR CONTINUING WARFARE."

GWERTZMAN FOUND FORD'S TONE "ONE OF FIRMNESS, TO RE-ASSURE AMERICANS AS MUCH AS TO CAUTION THE NORTH VIETNAMESE OR ANY OTHER POTENTIAL OR REAL ADVERSARY." HE PLEDGED "ALLIES AND FRIENDS" IN ASIA, WITH SVN "PRESUMABLY FOREMOST," THAT THERE WILL BE NO BREAK IN US SUPPORT FOR THEIR SECURITY, INDEPENDENCE AND ECON DEVELOPMENT.

INDOCHINA

2. MIL SOURCES SAY VNAF PLANES STRIKE VC AREAS NORTH OF SAIGON IN RETALIATION FOR CAPTURE OF THUONG DUC. GVN BUILDS UP FORCES NEAR FALLEN DISTRICT TOWN; MIL SOURCES SUGGEST EARLY PRIORITY MIGHT BE TO SECURE NEARBY VALLEYS WHERE COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE STRUCK REPEATEDLY IN DRIVE THAT CAPTURED THUONG DUC (CSM).

3. COMMUNIST GUNNERS ROCKET BIEN HOA AIR BASE NORTH OF SAIGON FOR THIRD DAY IN ROW; NO CASUALTIES REPORTED (WP). SHELLINGS POSSIBLY SIGNAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST CAPITAL'S OUTSKIRTS (UPI, BALTO N-A 8/12). MIL SOURCES SAY COMMUNIST ROCKETING IS IN APPARENT RETALIATION AGAINST HEAVY VNAF AIR STRIKES ON VC TOWNS NORTH OF SAIGON (REUTER SAIGON).

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4. MIL SOURCES SAY KHMER REBELS SINK TWO BOATS IN MEKONG THAT WERE CARRYING POLICE TO BELEAGUERED PROVINCIAL CAPITAL (UPI, BALTO N-A 8/12). BOATS EN ROUTE TO KOMPONG CHAM SUNK 26 MILES NORTH OF PP' FOUR POLICEMEN DIE, NINE SAILORS AND POLICE WOUNDED, NINE SAILORS REPORTED MISSING (UPI, NYT).

5. GKR MIL SOURCES DISCLOSE THAT FORTY SOLDIERS KILLED

WHEN KAF T-28 MISTAKENLY BOMBS FANK UNIT SIX MILES  
NW OF PP (UPI, NYT).

KOREA

6. SK COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCES BISHOP CHI TO 15 YEARS  
IN PRISON, GIVES EX-PRES YUN PO SUN SUSPENDED THREE-  
YEAR SENTENCE ON CHARGES OF INCITING STUDENT REBELLION  
(AP CHITRIB, NYDN, SUN, NYPOST 8/12; WSJ, CSM).  
REV. PARK HYUNG-KYOO AND YONSEI U PROF KIM DONG-GIL  
SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS EACH, AND YONSEI U DEAN KIM  
CHAN-KOOK RECEIVED TEN-YEAR SENTENCE. COURT-MARTIAL  
HEAD EXPLAINS YUN RECEIVED "LENIENT" TREATMENT  
BECAUSE OF PAST CONTRIBUTION TO NATION. MANY KOREANS  
ATTENDED CATHOLIC MASS TO PROTEST CHI'S SENTENCE.

NYT'S HALLORAN, IN SEOUL, OBSERVES THAT SENTENCES  
WERE NOT MOST SEVERE HANDED DOWN IN PARK'S SUPPRESSION  
OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY, BUT THESE WERE MOST PROMINENT  
OF DEFENDANTS SO FAR. ADDS THAT DEFENDANTS WERE  
PUNISHED FOR ACTS RULED ILLEGAL AFTER THEY HAD BEEN  
COMMITTED. DESPITE SENTENCES, MONDAY WAS DAY OF  
SUBTLE DEFIANCE OF PARK'S GOVT BECAUSE OF SERVICES  
BY BOTH CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS IN WHICH POLITICAL  
GRIEVANCES WERE COUCHED IN LANGUAGE OF RELIGION.  
THINKS STEPHEN CARDINAL KIM APPEARED TO BE LENDING  
QUALIFIED SUPPORT TO PROTEST, AND FEELS PROTESTANTS  
AND CATHOLICS APPEAR MOVING TOWARD POLITICAL UNITED  
FRONT. SIMILARLY, WP'S OBERDORFER, IN SEOUL, NOTING  
THAT HISTORY OF RELIGION IN SK IS "REPLETE WITH  
ANTAGONISMS" BETWEEN CHURCHES, CITES "HIGHLY UNUSUAL  
SHOW OF SOLIDARITY" AS CATHOLIC PRIESTS ATTENDED  
MONDAY MORNING PROTESTANT SERVICE, AND PROTESTANT  
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MINISTERS AND LAYMEN ATTENDED MONDAY NIGHT MASS (ALSO  
PHINQ).

7. S-N'S WILLOUGHBY (AUG 12) REPORTS THAT ASSEMBLY  
OF KOREAN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON AREA HELD PRAYER  
VIGIL AUG 11 AT DU PONT CIRCLE; NEARLY 250 OF KOREAN  
ANCESTRY ATTENDED. ASSEMBLY SENT STATEMENT TO SK  
EMBASSY DEMANDING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF "ALL THOSE  
PATRIOTS WHO ARE DETAINED SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ASKED  
FOR THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY AND TIRELESSLY  
WORKED TO BRING IT ABOUT." STATEMENT ALSO DEMANDED  
IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF EMERGENCY DECREES, IMMEDIATE  
HALT TO SECRET COURTS-MARTIAL, GUARANTEE OF ALL BASIC  
HUMAN RIGHTS. PARTICIPANTS IN VIGIL CAME LARGELY  
FROM SEVEN KOREAN CHURCHES IN WASHINGTON AREA. THERE

ARE 17 KOREAN CLERGYMEN IN ASSOCIATION, 12 OF THEM PASTORS OF AREA CHURCHES. REV. JACOB KIM, CHAIRMAN OF MINISTERIAL GROUP AND PASTOR EMERITUS OF KOREAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, CLAIMS THERE ARE MORE THAN 10,000 KOREANS IN AREA.

8. REUTER SEOUL REPORTS SK DEFENSE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT TUESDAY THAT SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL HAS JAILED 13 MORE PEOPLE FOR 10-20 YEAR TERMS FOR VIOLATING PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY DECREE. THEIR SENTENCING MONDAY BROUGHT TO 135 TOTAL NUMBER CONVICTED UNDER PARK DECREES.

9. CSM'S POND, IN TOKYO, REPORTS CONCLUSION OF JAPANESE ECON ANALYSTS, BASED ON BANK OF KOREA STATISTICS AND THEIR OWN CALCULATIONS, THAT SK ECONOMY IS IN TROUBLE IN WAKE OF OIL CRISIS; HOWEVER, THEY FEEL IT WILL PROBABLY STILL SHOW MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT GROWTH IN GNP THIS YEAR.

THREE MOST SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FACING SK ECONOMY ARE SHARP DROP IN JAPANESE INVESTMENT, SLOWDOWN IN EXPORTS TO JAPAN AND US AND IDLED CAPACITY BECAUSE OF LOW DEMAND.

10. EX-IM BANK APPROVES 12.6 MILLION DOLS LOAN TO SK FOR RAILROAD EQUIPMENT FOR "REPOWERING" 80 LOCOMOTIVES. US EQUIPMENT WILL COST ABOUT 42.1 MILLION, AND CREDIT WILL BE EXTENDED AT 7 PER CENT INTEREST (WSJ).  
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11. UNC PROPOSED MONDAY THAT SOLDIERS AND WEAPONS BE REMOVED FROM BUFFER ZONE AND STRIP BE USED FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES. NK IMMEDIATELY REJECTED PROPOSAL, CONTENTED ONLY WAY TO REDUCE TENSION ON PENINSULA IS FOR US FORCES TO WITHDRAW UPI, NYDN).

CHINA"

12. REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, REPORTS CITY'S WALL POSTER CAMPAIGN BROKE INTO VERSE FOR FIRST TIME TUESDAY WITH APPEARANCE OF FOUR-LINE HUMOROUS POEM BY ONE WOMAN CCP MEMBER POKING FUN AT ANOTHER. BUT SHARP SAYS NEW POSTERS ARE PROVOKING LITTLE INTEREST FROM PEOPLE OF PEKING, IN CONTRASTS WITH HEADY DAYS IN JUNE WHEN ETERNAL REVOLUTION STREET WAS FILLED WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE READING POSTERS. CAMPAIGN HAS SINCE SUBSIDED, APPARENTLY ON ORDERS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND IS KEPT GOING ONLY BY FEW DIE-HARD PROTESTORS.

13. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, SAYS PENDING DEPARTURE OF CHINESE TO JOIN FAMILIES IN CANADA

IS CONSIDERED BY CANADIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING AS MOST IMPORTANT BY-PRODUCT OF CANADA'S RECOGNITION OF PEKING REGIME. SAYS AT LEAST 15,000 CHINESE MAY BE SEEKING JOURNEY TO CANADA. ADDS THAT PRC DECISION TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF DIVIDED FAMILIES WAS MAJOR STEP, SETTING AS IT DID PRECEDENT BOUND TO BE CITED IN TIME BY OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTABLY US WITH ITS CHINESE POPULATION OF MORE THAN MILLION (CSM).

14. MME. CHIANG TAKES ISSUE WITH FORMER PRES NIXON'S RESIGNATION STATEMENT ABOUT UNLOCKING DOORS BETWEEN US AND PRC; INSISTS THAT ESTABLISHING FORMAL RELATIONS WITH "REPRESSIVE REGIME" CANNOT MEAN CHINESE ON MAINLAND "WILL TURN INSTANTLY FROM BEING ENEMIES OF US INTO FRIENDS OF US" (PHINQ).

HONG KONG

15. REUTER HK REPORTS TEN CHINESE REFUGEES LANDED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN HK TUESDAY ON BOARD HK FISHING JUNK THEY SEIZED AT SEA, ACCORDING POLICE. REFUGEES LANDED AT VILLAGE IN SE OF COLONY, RELEASED OWNER AND FLED. WAS SECOND INCIDENT OF ITS KIND IN TWO WEEKS, SEVEN CHINESE FISHERMEN HAVING SEIZED FISHING BOAT AT SEA AUG. 1 AND FORCED OWNER TO SAIL TO HK.

JAPAN

16. KYODO NEWS SERVICE REPORTS TANAKA SAYS HE WILL PROBABLY VISIT US AND MEET PRES. FORD NEXT MONTH, ADDING STOP TO SCHEDULED TRIP TO MEXICO, BRAZIL, AND CANADA (CSM; WP).

17. REUTER TOKYO REPORTS OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY GOJ AND OIL REFINERS PLAN TO INCREASE STOCKPILE OF OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS TO 90 DAYS BY '78 FROM PRESENT 63 DAY LEVEL AT COST OF ALMOST 5 BILLION DOLS (NYT).

18. DEFENSE AGENCY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF COL. MIZUHO YOSHIHARA TO BE JAPAN'S FIRST MILITARY ATTACHE IN PEKING SINCE WW-II (WP).

19. MITSUBISHI OIL SAYS IT IS NEGOTIATING TO BORROW 20 MILLION DOLS FROM US BANKS TO HELP FINANCE CRUDE OIL IMPORTS (AP, NYT).

20. GROUP OF 34 JAPANESE ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT U OF HAWAII HAS OFFERED TO REPAIR BROKEN APPLIANCES

IN EXCHANGE FOR OPPORTUNITY TO POLISH ENGLISH (AP, CHITRIB).

AUSTRALIA

21. EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD SOVIET VIOLINIST GEORGI YERMOLENKO, WHO SOUGHT ASYLUM BUT CHANGED MIND AFTER MEETING WITH RUSSIAN OFFICIALS, PREVENTED FROM LEAVING PERTH TO ENSURE DECISION NOT MADE UNDER DURESS. FOMIN WILLESEE CALLED AIRPORT TO PREVENT DEPARTURE. AIRPORT WORKERS SAID THEY WOULD NOT SERVICE PLANE UNTIL ASSURED DECISION FREELY MADE, AND BRITISH AIRWAYS SAID IT WOULD NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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FLY HIM OUT OF COUNTRY (UPI, PHINQ, NYDN; AP NYT, CHITRIB, NY POST 8/12; CSM; WP).

MALAYSIA

22. RAZAK OFFERS AMNESTY TO ESTIMATED 1800 COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN MALAYSIAN JUNGLES, SIMILAR TO OFFER THAT ENTICED 500 TERRORISTS IN SARAWAK TO LAY DOWN ARMS IN LAST NINE MONTHS. UNDER AGREEMENT, CP OUTLAWED,

BUT DEFECTORS FREE TO JOIN OTHER POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS (AP, BALT N-A 8/12).

INDONESIA

23. REUTER W. BERLIN REPORTS WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ANNOUNCED "WITH DEEP REGRET" CANCELLATION OF PLANS TO HOLD '75 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JAKARTA AFTER GOI INFORMED IT MOSLEM POPULATION HAD EXPRESSED "STRONG RESERVATIONS" ABOUT MEETING THERE. GOVT. FEARED NATIONAL UNITY WOULD BE ENDANGERED (WP).

ADB

24. SHARPLY RISING COSTS HAVE OVERTAKEN SEVERAL BANK PROJECTS, REQUIRING NEW INVESTMENTS AMOUNTING TO 41.2 MILLION DOLS; 3.37 LOAN TO VIENTIANE POWER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT REQUIRED 1.37 MILLION DOL SUPPLEMENT AND MALAYSIAN 13.4 MILLION DOL KL-KARAK HIGHWAY GIVEN ADDITIONAL 6.8 MILLION DOL SUPPLEMENT FROM SPECIAL FUNDS (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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25. CSM MAINTAINS US HAS OBLIGATION IN VN, NOTWITH-  
STANDING CRITICS' ARGUMENTS THAT US HAS ALREADY  
DONE ENOUGH, THAT THIEU GOVT NOT WORTH SUPPORTING,  
AND THAT SAIGON IS GUILTY AS HANOI OF C-F VIOLATIONS.  
SAYS SAIGON'S MOST SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES ARE ECON -  
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LARGELY RESULT OF DISLOCATIONS CAUSED BY US TROOP  
WITHDRAWAL; AND HAVING FOUGHT WAR BY HIGHLY  
QUESTIONABLE MEANS, US HAS DUTY TO HELP RECTIFY  
CONDITIONS IT CREATED.

CITES HOPEFUL FACTORS IN SVN SITUATION. LAND  
REFORM AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SHOW CREDITABLE  
GAINS; AND THIEU, WHILE NOT MOST ADMIRABLE LEADER,  
HAS BROADENED BASE OF HIS POPULAR SUPPORT SOMEWHAT.  
ADDS THAT, ALTHOUGH SHAKY, SITUATION IN LAOS AND  
CAMBODIA IS BETTER THAN US DARED HOPE 18 MONTHS AGO.

BACKS CONGRESS' GOING OVER US AID WITH FINE TOOTH COMB,  
BUT THINKS HOUSE ACTION IN CUTTING MIL AID TO 700  
MILLION DOLLARS PROBABLY EXTREME, AND SLASH IN ECON  
AID WOULD BE EVEN MORE DIRE. SAYS WASHINGTON SHOULD  
BE BLUNT IN POINTING OUT TO S. VIETS THAT AUTHORITARIAN  
PRACTICES, WASTEFUL USE OF FUNDS, AND INCARCERATION

OF POLITICAL PRISONERS DO NOT WIN FRIENDS IN CONGRESS.  
CONTENDS IF WASHINGTON CAREFULLY CALIBRATES AID TO  
SAIGON, THIS COULD HELP SPUR VIETS TO FEND FOR  
THEMSELVES. AT SAME TIME, HANOI WILL BE WATCHING  
FORD TO SEE IF US COMMITMENT TO HELP SAIGON IS  
FALTERING. NVN MUST NOT CONCLUDE THAT IT IS,  
DECLARES CSM.

KOREA

26. WSJ'S PEARLSTINE IN SEOUL SEES HARSH POLITICAL  
CONTROLS THREATENING SK'S BOOMING ECONOMY. CITES  
SOME BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS THAT SK'S POLITICAL  
POSITION AS IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO DROP  
IN FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND KOREA'S CURRENT BORROWING  
PROBLEMS.

REPORTS US BUSINESSMEN IN KOREA SHOWING LESS CONCERN  
ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION THAN THEIR HOME  
OFFICES IN US DO. THESE BUSINESSMEN SAY, ACCORDING  
PEARLSTINE, THAT BOSSES BACK HOME PAY TOO MUCH  
ATTENTION TO NEWS REPORTS ABOUT POLITICAL REPRESSION  
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AND DON'T PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO ECON PROGRESS SK HAS BEEN MAKING. PEARLSTINE SAYS "THAT MAY BE SO," BUT OBSERVES THAT MOST FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN IN SK OPERATE IN VACUUM: THEY GENERALLY LIVE IN SPACIOUS HOMES IN HEAVILY-GUARDED RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND WORK IN ONE OF SEOUL'S IMPRESSIVE NEW DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDINGS. WHEN DINING OUT, THEY GRAVITATE TO SEOUL CLUB OR TO CHOSUN HOTEL WHICH CATER LARGELY TO WESTERN CLIENTELE.

LOCAL PRESS IS HEAVILY CENSORED; EVEN US ARMED FORCES RADIO CARRIES LITTLE NEWS ABOUT KOREA, SO FOREIGNERS RARELY KNOW WHO HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATING AND WHO ARRESTED. DIFFICULT TO FIND FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE ANY REGULAR CONTACT WITH STUDENTS, AND ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND ONE WHO HAS WALKED THROUGH ANY OF SEOUL'S DEPRESSING SLUMS.

27. REFERRING TO SK REPRESSIONS, PHINQ SAYS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT WHETHER, WITHOUT US AID AND ENCOURAGEMENT, TYRANNY PARK HAS ERECTED COULD PREVAIL. CONCLUDES THAT US HAS RESPONSIBILITY, BORN OF ITS SUPPORT, TO USE EVERY PERSUASION AND SANCTION AVAILABLE TO MAKE SK DEMOCRACY SOMETHING MORE THAN FILTHY JOKE.

28. GLOBE'S STORIN (AUG 11) IN SEOUL DISCUSSES CASES OF KIM CHI HA, BISHOP CHI, YUN PO SUN AND KIM DAE JUNG. REPORTS AMB HABIB HAS NO COMMENT ON SITUATION, MAINTAINING USEMBASSY STAYS OUT OF "INTERNAL POLITICS." HOWEVER, STORIN NOTES VOA REPORTER HAS BEEN IN SEOUL FOR PAST WEEK, GETTING OUT STORIES THAT ARE BEAMED BACK TO SK WITH NEWS KEPT OUT OF GOVT-CONTROLLED PRESS. ACCORDING STORIN, STRONGEST PUBLIC PRESSURE ON PARK WITHIN COUNTRY MAY BE CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT CHURCHES, THOUGH OPPOSITION TO PARK IS BY NO MEANS UNANIMOUS AMONG CLERGY OR CONGREGATIONS. NOTES VATICAN HAS PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY MADE ENTREATIES ON CHI'S BEHALF.

REPORTS THAT DESPITE INITIAL ATTEMPTS TO DISSUADE IT, US-JAPAN DELEGATION, INCLUDING DR. GEORGE WALD, NOBEL-PRIZE-WINNING HARVARD BIOLOGY PROF, WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ALLOWED TO PRESENT PETITION AGAINST PARK POLICIES TO FORMIN KIM YESTERDAY. WALD'S GROUP WAS TOLD SEVERAL TIMES THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES MUST BE STRICTLY



THOSE OF TOURISTS SINCE THEY HAD TOURIST VISAS.  
HOWEVER, ACCOMPANIED BY AMERICAN REPORTER, GROUP  
MET WITH KIM DAE JUNG, WHO SAID HE WAS UNDER 24-  
HOUR SURVEILLANCE AND LEAVES HIS HOUSE ONLY FOR  
SUNDAY MASS.

CITES DIPLOMATS AS FEELING PARK COULD ONLY BE OVERTHROWN  
BY MILITARY; ADDS THAT SO FAR, MILITARY IS DUTIFULLY  
FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH ORDERS FOR COURT-MARTIAL PROCEED-  
INGS.

CHINA

29. NYDN REFERS TO US LAST MONTH PULLING OUT HALF  
OF F-4 PHANTOM JETS FROM TAIWAN, AND PRC RECENTLY  
PARKING "MURDEROUSLY EFFECTIVE MISSILE-FIRING BOATS  
NEARER TO TAIWAN STRAITS THAN SUCH BOATS EVER HAVE  
BEEN STATIONED BEFORE." SAYS THESE TWO NEWS ITEMS  
MAKE WORRISOME READING FOR AMERICANS WHO REALIZE  
GREAT VALUE OF FREE CHINA AS LONG-TIME ALLY - EVEN  
THOUGH DOD OFFICIALS SAY F-4 WITHDRAWAL HAS NOTHING  
TO DO WITH US EFFORTS TO WARM UP RELATIONS WITH  
PRC. DECLARES CONGRESS IS DISFIGURED BY MORE THAN  
FEW WEAK-DEFENSE, LITTLE AMERICA, SLIGHT-OUR-ALLIES  
CHARACTERS WHO CONTINUALLY PLOT TO MAKE THEIR DEFEATIST  
DREAMS COME TRUE. RECOMMENDS THAT IN SELF-DEFENSE,  
"GREAT MAJORITY OF US SHOULD KEEP CLOSE TABS ON  
THESE CREATURES, AND ENCOURAGE EVERY ADMINISTRATION  
TO COMBAT THEM WITHOUT LETUP."

INDONESIA

30. IN JAKARTA-DATELINED ARTICLE, CSM'S SOUTHERLAND  
DISCUSSES INDONESIAN PRESS, NOTING CLAMP-DOWN AFTER  
JAN RIOTS. DOZEN NEWSPAPERS WERE CLOSED AND SOME  
NEWSMEN FROM PAPERS BANNED LATER LEARNED THEY WOULD  
NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS.  
GOI PLACED TRAVEL RESTRICTION ON MOCHTAR LUBIS,  
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PUBLISHER OF INDONESIAN RAYA AND COUNTRY'S BEST  
KNOWN NEWSMAN. HE WAS TOLD HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED  
TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR OF PAPER  
WAS ARRESTED.

IT WAS NOT ONLY PRESS COVERAGE OF RIOTS AND EVENTS  
LEADING TO RIOTS THAT OFFENDED GOVT; SOME PAPERS  
HAD BEGUN TO TOUCH ON SUHARTO'S OWN FAMILY. SEVERAL  
PAPERS SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED WISDOM OF MINI-INDONESIA  
PROJECT WHICH MME. SUHARTO HAS PROMOTED. THIS

IS TO BE AMBITIOUS EXHIBITION OF INDONESIA IN MINIATURE, MOSTLY FOR BENEFIT OF TOURISTS, AND CONSIDERABLE SUMS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTING IT. PRESS ALSO OFFENDED GOVT WITH ARTICLES ON CORRUPTION AND ABUSE OF FOREIGN AID AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT FUNDS.

CITES INFORMANT THAT IT WOULD BE AT LEAST YEAR BEFORE GOVT MIGHT CONSIDER LOOSENING UP CURRENT PRESS RESTRICTIONS. SOUTHERLAND SAYS PRESS HAS NOT BEEN ENTIRELY WITHOUT BLAME; STORIES HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN TRUTHFUL AS THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN. OBSERVES THAT ONLY PAPER WHICH NOW SEEMS TO VENTURE EVEN MILDEST CRITICISM IS KOMPAS, JOURNAL WITH LINKS WITH SOME INDONESIAN ROMAN CATHOLICS AND WITH LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY INDONESIAN PAPER (190,000).

GENERAL

31. ZORZA (WP) EXPECTS PACE OF US-USSR DETENTE IS BOUND TO BE SLOWER THAN MOSCOW WOULD LIKE, IN VIEW PRES FORD'S PLACING FIRST PRIORITY ON DOMESTIC CONCERNS. SAYS SOVIET MILITARY, WHO HAVE SHOWN SPECIAL INTEREST IN MAINTAINING ME PRESENCE, ARE AS RESPONSIBLE FOR KREMLIN'S HARDENING POLICY IN AREA AS US MILITARY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NIXON ADMIN'S POLICY TO ESTABLISH PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, CENTERED ON PROPOSED ISLAND BASE OF DIEGO GARCIA. SOVIET HAWKS ARE ALSO MAKING NEW NOISES ABOUT VN, ACCORDING ZORZA. RED STAR, PRECEIVING UNCLASSIFIED

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"INCREASE" IN US ARMS DELIVERIES TO VN, HINTS AT POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF WAR. IT COMPLAINS VN PEACE AGREEMENT BEING VIOLATED IN SAME WAY AS 1954 AGREEMENT, WHEN "NEW HEROIC EFFORTS WERE NEEDED TO END THE WAR." BUT THIS TIME, RED STAR SAYS, RELATION OF FORCES IN INDOCHINA HAS CHANGED - NOT ONLY IN VN, BUT IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA - AND "MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS NOW EXIST FOR THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION STRUGGLE" IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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